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WASTE DISPOSAL INC

# PROPERTY OF EPA REGION 9

HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION



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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
215 Fremont Street  
San Francisco, Ca. 94105

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Via Certified Mail  
Return Receipt Requested  
Certified Mail No. P 000 582 709

Ø 10/10/1987

In Reply  
Refer to T-4-4

J. J. Murphy, President  
Dresser Industries, Inc.  
P.O. Box 718  
Dallas, TX 75221

Re: General Notice Letter/Request for Information  
Waste Disposal Inc., Superfund Site  
Santa Fe Springs, California

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The Waste Disposal, Inc. site in Santa Fe Springs, California (also known as the Pitts-Hudson-Caneer-Carter Dump, Whittier Area Disposal, and the Dumps), "the Site", has been included on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") Superfund National Priorities List ("NPL"). The Site is located on Los Nietos Road between Greenleaf Avenue and Santa Fe Springs Road in Santa Fe Springs, California. Sites on the NPL are eligible for actions taken under the authority of the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"). This means that EPA will conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA, unless the EPA determines that a responsible party will properly conduct such a study in a manner consistent with the National Contingency Plan ("NCP"), (Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 300) and EPA's RI/FS standards.

Under Sections 106(a) and 107(a) of CERCLA, responsible parties may be required to implement any needed response actions determined by EPA and may also be liable for all costs incurred by the government in responding to any release or threatened release at the Site. Such costs can include, but are not limited to, expenditures for investigation, legal work, planning, cleanup of the Site, and enforcement. By this letter, EPA informs you of your potential liability with regard to this matter and encourages you to voluntarily undertake RI/FS and cleanup activities which

will be overseen by EPA. This notification, however, is not a final Agency action.

This notification is being sent concurrently to other potentially responsible parties (PRPs). A similar notification was sent to additional PRPs in September, 1987. A list of addressees for the two notifications is attached to this letter.

Responsible parties under CERCLA include current and past facility owners and operators, persons who generated hazardous substances, and persons who transported, treated, or disposed of hazardous substances. Based on public records concerning the Site, EPA has information indicating that you may be a responsible party. More specifically, this documentation shows that Dresser Industries acquired Security Engineering Company in November, 1945. EPA has documentation that shows that Security Engineering transported hazardous substances to the site.

EPA has determined that a release of hazardous substances, as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, has occurred at the above-referenced facility. Soils on the site have been found to be contaminated with metals (including lead and chromium), solvents, and petroleum waste. The potential exists for public exposure from site contaminant migration by the soil, ground water, surface water, or air pathways.

EPA believes that further studies must be conducted to address the situation at the above-referenced Site. They include:

1. Investigations to identify the local hydrogeological characteristics and define the nature and extent of soil, air, ground water, and surface water contamination at the Site; and,
2. Feasibility studies to assess permanent solutions including alternative treatment technologies that will result in the permanent and significant decreases in the toxicity, mobility and volume of the hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at the Site.

During and after completion of the above studies, you may be asked to undertake, or may be liable for, implementation of corrective measures necessary to protect public health, welfare, or the environment. Such measures may include, but are not limited to:

1. Implementing corrective measures, such as securing the site to prevent direct contact with any hazardous substances that may be present at the site and removal of highly contaminated material from the surface of the site.
2. Designing and implementing the EPA-approved remedial

actions; and

3. Providing any monitoring and maintenance necessary after remedial measures are completed.

EPA will consider an offer from you to conduct studies in accordance with an RI/FS work plan approved by EPA. A commitment to follow the approved work plan and remain consistent with EPA RI/FS guidelines and policies must be made through a formal consent agreement. EPA may require additional work to ensure consistency with the NCP and EPA RI/FS guidance. You should notify EPA, in writing, within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of this letter, of your willingness to conduct the RI/FS under these terms.

Your written response should indicate the appropriate name, address, and telephone number for further contact with you. Please respond to:

John Kemmerer  
Toxics and Waste Management Division  
United States Environmental  
Protection Agency, Region IX, T-4-4  
215 Fremont Street  
San Francisco, California 94105

If you need further information, Mr. Kemmerer can also be reached by telephone at (415) 974-7112.

After completion of further review and forward planning, the EPA may send you a "Special Notice Letter," as defined by Section 122(e) of CERCLA, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. An RI/FS Work Plan Outline, prepared by EPA, would be sent out with the special notice letter. You would then have sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of the special notice letter in which to make a proposal for undertaking an RI/FS. If such a proposal is offered, EPA and the responsible parties will have until ninety (90) days after your receipt of the special notice letter to incorporate the proposal into a consent agreement. If no proposal is received, or if negotiations are unsuccessful, the EPA will proceed to spend public funds on an RI/FS for the site. If the EPA decides not to utilize these procedures and decides to proceed to spend public funds on the RI/FS, you will be notified in writing of that decision and reasons why use of these procedures are inappropriate. EPA may later invite you to undertake the design and implementation of the selected remedy upon the Agency's completion of the RI/FS.

### Request for Information

In addition to notifying you of EPA's activities, EPA is seeking information from you regarding the site.

Under the provisions of Section 3007(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 6707 the Administrator of the EPA has the authority to require any person who generates, stores, treats, disposes of, or otherwise handles hazardous substances to furnish information related to such substances. In addition, Section 104(e) of CERCLA, as amended by SARA, authorizes the EPA to require any person who has or may have information relevant to materials at the site to furnish such information to EPA. Pursuant to these statutory provisions, you are hereby requested to provide the following information:

1. Provide a description of the nature and dates of your association with the site.
2. Provide any information that you may have regarding operations at the site. EPA is especially interested in descriptions of hazardous waste generation, storage, treatment or disposal operations.

The scope of this request extends to all information and documents developed or obtained by you and/or your company, your or your company's employees, agents, consultants, or attorneys and any of the attorneys' agents, consultants, or employees. The word "documents" means any written, recorded, or visually or aurally reproduced material of any kind in any medium in your possession, custody, or control or known by you to exist, and includes originals, all prior drafts and all non-identical copies.

You may assert a business confidentiality claim covering all or part of the information requested in this letter, as provided in 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b). Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and by means of the procedures, set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. EPA will construe the failure to furnish a confidentiality claim with your response to this letter as a waiver of that claim, and information may be made available to the public without further notice to you.

Your response to this request, in writing, must be signed by you or a duly authorized official of your company, and submitted to the following office within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter. Your response should be addressed to John Kemmerer at the aforementioned address.

Failure to comply with this request under Section 104 of CERCLA may result in a civil enforcement action against you by EPA. In addition, Section 3008(d) of RCRA imposes criminal penalties against any person who knowingly makes false statements or misrepresentations in responding to a request for information issued under Section 3007 of RCRA.

Please include with your response to this request a notarized affidavit stating that a diligent record search has been completed. If this letter is being sent to you as a representative of a company, your response should be from a responsible company official stating that there has been a diligent interviewing process with present and former employees who have knowledge of operations, chemical use, and waste disposal practices. Also, include in the affidavit a statement that all information responsive to EPA's requests of this letter has been sent to the Agency.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeffrey Zelikson".

Jeffrey Zelikson  
Acting Director  
Toxics and Waste Management Division

LIST OF ADDRESSEES

Addressees in September, 1987 Notice Letters

1. Ms. Adeline R. Bennett

FOIA Exemption 6 Personal Privacy

2. Mr. Marvin Pitts

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3. Santa Fe Springs Recycling Company  
P.O. Box 5115  
Fullerton, CA

4. BKK Corp.  
P.O. Box 3038  
Torrance, CA 90540

5. UNOCAL Corp.  
2101 W. Fifth St.  
Los Angeles, Ca 90017

6. Mobil Corporation  
150 E. 42nd St.  
New York, NY 10017

7. Chevron Corporation  
225 Bush Street  
San Francisco, CA 94104

8. Powerine Oil Co.  
12354 Lakeland Rd.  
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90607

9. Bell Petroleum  
12250 E. Bell Ranch Road  
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90607

10. Union Pacific Railroad  
1416 Dodge St.  
Omaha, NE 68179

11. Fernando Caneer

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12. Delmar Carter

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13. Nollie B. Hudson

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Addressees in December, 1987 Notice Letters

14. James J. and Irene C. Mersits

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15. Phil and Gwen H. Campbell

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16. Raymond R. Holbrook

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17. John I. Maple

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18. Lucille Ferris

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19. Dia-Log Company  
9756 Santa Fe Springs Rd  
Santa Fe Springs, CA

20. Business Properties Partnership  
17840 Sky Park Blvd.  
Irvine, CA 92714

21. Hillside Land Company  
401 N. Hill  
Whittier, CA

22. L.E. Dixon Company  
409 S. California Drive  
San Gabriel, CA

23. Cecelia Pitts

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24. Dresser Industries, Inc.  
1505 Elm St.  
Dallas, TX 75201



25. FMC Corporation  
200 E. Randolph Drive  
Chicago, IL 60601
26. Joseph and John Caneer

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